

GENERAL ORDERS, )

No. 10. )

HEAD QUARTERS,

EAST SUB DIST. OF THE PLAINS,

Fort Kearny, N. T., May 24th, 1865.

I--All Post Commandants in this Sub-District will furnish the men in their commands, detailed on escort duty at the different Stage stations, with Tents and Cooking Utensils, and instruct the men to build sod stables sufficiently commodious for twenty horses, one hundred yards in rear of each station. The men must not trouble the station keepers, nor enter into their buildings unless on business.

II--In building the stables, no pressing of anything whatever will be permitted, and they must be erected by the labor of the Infantry and Cavalry combined. As soon as the stables are completed the men will commence the erection of suitable houses for the permanent guard and Cavalry escort at each station.

III--The escorts must carry long range arms, properly slung on their persons, and under no circumstances will they be permitted to wear them across their saddles. The sabre may be fastened to the saddle. A supply of at least one hundred rounds of ammunition per man must be carried by each mounted escort; and the escorts must be instructed to repair the Telegraph line wherever found injured, and that in event of attack by Indians, should any horses in coach be killed or disabled, their own must be substituted in lieu to the next station, and the coach and mails driven through. Under no circumstances will coaches be permitted to stop for want of help or horses; they must positively run through, and the escorts are charged with conveying them from station to station; but not to interfere with the speed except when attacked. In cases where drivers remain at a station over night through fear, the escort must tender their services, and if rejected report the facts in writing to these Head Quarters, stating whether or not there was good reason for so doing.

IV--Post Commanders will instruct all non-commissioned officers, in charge of troops distributed along the Overland Route, to see that the organization of trains is maintained throughout this Sub-District, and that no straggling or separation of any one train into detached portions takes place. Where such violation of Department Orders occurs, the non-commissioned officer observing the fact will cause the straggling wagons to close up, and report the facts to his Post Commander by mail per first coach passing his station, who upon receipt of such information will take immediate steps to prevent a recurrence of straggling in the train reported.

V--It is earnestly insisted that the necessity of courtesy on the part of officers and men toward citizens be impressed on all troops serving in this command, and that in discharging our duties to the Government in affording protection to travellers on the roads over the Plains, no boisterous nor ostentatious display of authority will be tolerated. The reputation of this command for discipline and good conduct is in the hands of its officers, and they will be held amenable for all unauthorized and untoward acts of their men when the same are not promptly punished by them.

BY COMMAND OF COL. R. R. LIVINGSTON;

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